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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a real person who chooses to use a competitive provider! I was a loyal AT&T customer for MANY years--until they got too big for their britches! I never want to use a BIG, OLD and EXPENSIVE carrier such as AT&T again!

I was paying them more than \$50.00 each month for a simple landline. Each long distance call was added to that, so I had to limit talking to my relatives back in Missouri, etc.

For nearly the same price, I now have a landline with unlimited FREE long distance calls, broadband and wi-fi. And, the company is local--an added bonus. Please don't deregulate and undo significant parts of the 1996 Federal Communications Act.

We desperately need a competitive communications market in order to protect us "real Americans". Yes, we ARE out here!

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